ICHINOSE YUU IS MY CHILD-HOOD FRIEND.

AS SOON AS WE TRANSFER-RED HERE, HE BECAME TREMENDOUSLY POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS TO THE POINT WHERE A 'CONFESSION RUSH' BEGAN.

THIS GUY'S LOOKING FOR A GIRL-FRIEND. SO SOMEONE PLEASE VO-LUNTEER

HE THINKS THAT IT'S BECAUSE

OF WHAT I SAID ON THE DAY WE TRANS-FERRED.

BUT THIS GUY WAS ALSO POPULAR IN OUR PREVIOUS SCHOOLS - ANNOYINGLY POPULAR.

HE'S GOT THE LOOKS, AND IS A HIGH

ACHIE-
VER AND
ATHLETIC.
THAT'S
RIGHT.
THIS
GUY'S A
CHEAT
CHARAC-
TER.
What is this, a manga?
* This is a manga.
THEY
CALL
HIM
COOL
AND
HAND-
SOME
BUT I CAN
ONLY SEE
HIM AS A
GLUTTON
AND A
SURLY
BASTARD.
HE IS A
NICE GUY,
THOUGH,
SO I DON'T
QUESTION
WHY HE'S
POPULAR.
Give me foood~ Huurrryy~
* They are all the same person.

SO EVEN IF I DIDN'T SAY THAT, I KNOW HE'LL BE POPULAR IN NO TIME.

NEVER-THELESS, I SAID THAT BECAUSE...

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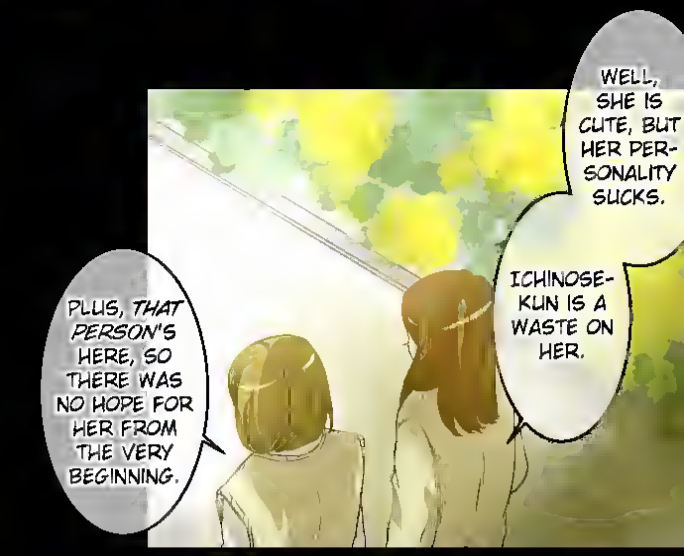
EH?! NO WAY! EVEN THOUGH SHE'S PRETTY CUTE?
REJECTED.


WELL, SHE IS CUTE, BUT HER PERSONALITY SUCKS.
ICHINOSE-KUN IS A WASTE ON HER.
PLUS, THAT PERSON'S HERE, SO THERE WAS NO HOPE FOR HER FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

YOU KNOW, AYANO-SAN!

I KNOW, RIGHT? SHE'S COOL, AND THEY'RE ALWAYS TOGETHER.
I'M STILL WONDERING WHY THEY'RE NOT DATING YET.
They've apparently known each other since grade school
IF THEY DO, EVERYONE WILL BE SATISFIED AND GIVE UP.
I'm all good if it's Ayano-san

LIKE, CAN YOU GO OUT WITH EACH OTHER ALREADY? DON'T GIVE US HOPE.
IF NOT, THEY SHOULD KEEP SOME DISTANCE, RIGHT?
IT'S HARD FOR PEOPLE TO GET CLOSE TO THEM, AND THE PEOPLE THEY LIKE WILL BE TOTALLY PITIFUL...
SPLASH
OH, SORRY, SORRY. I DIDN'T SEE YOU GUYS COMING. IT WASN'T ON PURPOSE.
No, really
...
drip
drip
BUT IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR BEING TOO ENGROSSED WITH YOUR CONVERSATION

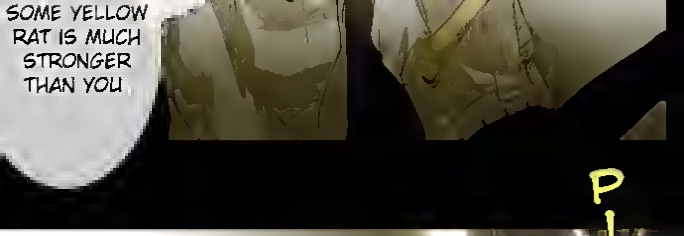
KOBAYASHI ITSUKA
(7TH GRADE)
One of Tsubasa & Yuu's
(not-so-many) friends
THAT YOU DON'T EVEN BOTHER CHECKING WHAT'S IN FRONT OF YOU. I COULD HEAR YOUR ANNOYING VOICES STARTING WHEN YOU WERE OVER THERE.
SO YOU DID NOTICE US.
JUST LOOK AT THEM GET SO EXCITED TALKING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE.
HEY, YOU WENT TOO FAR, ITSUKA.
Brr so cold
Jeez, this is the worst
I WAS JUST WATERING THE FLOWERS.
'INSECTS' ...
BUT THEN SOME INSECTS PASSED THROUGH.
DON'T YOU GET TIRED OF HEARING THOSE STUFF,

YOU GUYS?

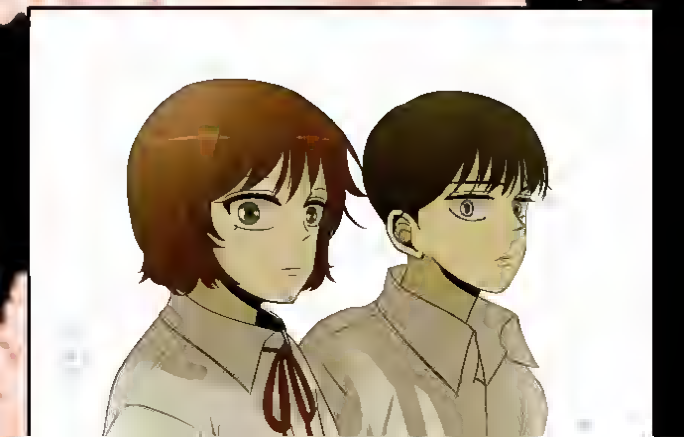
AYANO TSUBASA
(7TH GRADE)
WELL, YEAH ...

...
ICHINOSE YUU (7TH GRADE)
...
WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO OUT FOR REAL?
ITSUKA. DON'T SAY THAT. YOU KNOW WHY WE'RE NOT DATING.
THIS DUMB GUY IS FAMILY TO ME. CAN YOU HOLD ROMANTIC FEELINGS TO YOUR FAMILY?

slurp
hmm
YOU HAVE A YOUNGER BROTHER, RIGHT? WILL YOU GO OUT WITH HIM?
NO. WAY.
SEE?
SHUT UP! YOU'D CLING TO ME SCARED EVERY TIME YOU HEAR THUNDER.
HEY. WAIT WHO'S THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF WHO? CALL ME 'HONORED ELDER BROTHER'



T/N: Okay, no. So this wasn't the SFX here, but close enough lol



WHAT ?!
WITH THAT SAID, I THINK ICHINOSE SHOULD DO IT.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR TSUBASA TO HAVE A BOYFRIEND.
She's not popular with the guys.
IT'S SAD, BUT IT'S THE TRUTH.
WHAT DO YOU SAY, YUU?
NO WAY! WHY DO I HAVE TO GO OUT WITH SOMEONE?
NOW, NOW. HOW ABOUT OUR DEAR ITSUKA HERE?
Punch!
IMMA PUNCH YOU.
I have the right to choose who I go out with.
RIGHT. I'M SORRY.
NN GH
WHAT ABOUT MY HUMAN RIGHTS ?!

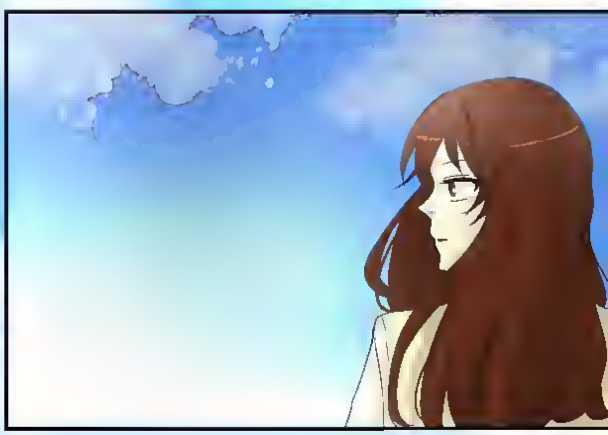
YUU AND I

BUT SOON AFTER, ITSUKA TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER SCHOOL, AND I WAS FACED WITH THE CRISIS OF HAVING ZERO GIRL FRIENDS.

SPENT OUR UNCHANGING DAYS BEING MISUNDERSTOOD AS LOVERS.

AT THE TIME, I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT IT.

CAN I...?



WHY IS THERE A NEED TO ASK PERMISSION FROM ME?
DO WHAT YOU WANT.
...
YOU... YOU WON'T MIND IF I WENT OUT WITH SOMEONE?
IF I DIDN'T MIND, WHAT OF IT? DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT?

...
IF I WENT OUT WITH SOMEONE, YOU'LL BECOME A LONER.
WHAT? YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.
IF YOU KEEP STICKING TO ME LIKE GLUE, YOU WON'T EXPERIENCE BEING IN A ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP - EVER.

clench
JUST LIKE THAT ... AGAIN ...
YOU'RE MAKING IT MY FAU-
'AGAIN?' DON'T TELL ME, YOU... YOU'RE STILL WORRIED ABOUT THAT?

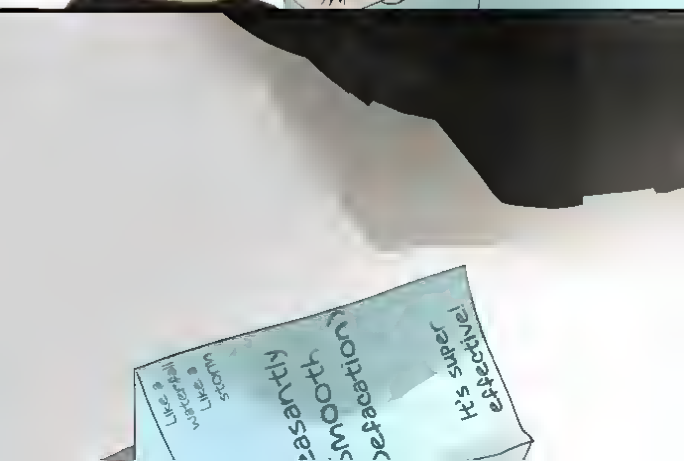
...
NO WONDER YOU'RE NOT SPEAKING UP WHEN IT'S MY LOVE LIFE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT...
TSUBASA, LISTEN CAREFULLY.
YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG.

THAT TIME,
THE ONE I WAS IN LOVE WITH
WAS Y-

...

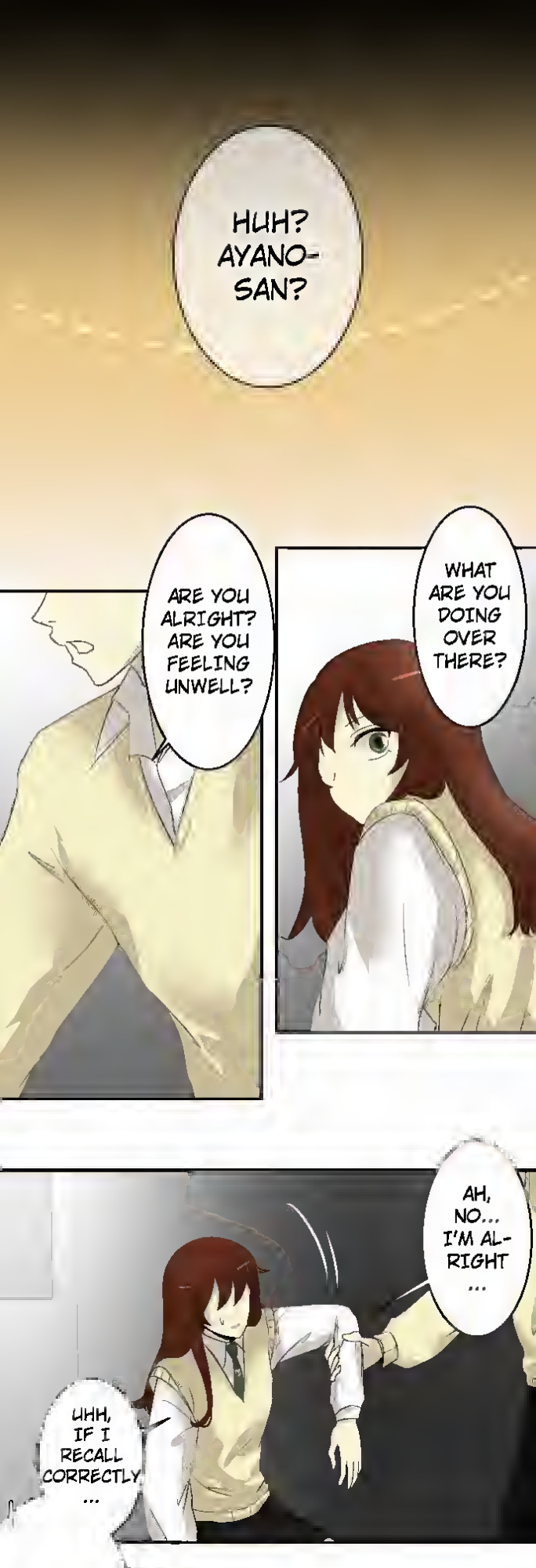
TSU-TSUBASA?
SORRY, YUU ...

C-CAN I GO TO THE REST-ROOM ...?
GRUMBLE


It's super effective!

Don't you feel sorry for the protagonist of this series...
HEY, AUTHOR... THIS MANGA IS TOO CRUEL TO ME ON SO MANY LEVELS, DON'T YOU THINK ...?
SIGH ...

WHAT A BAD TIMING ...!
Read the mood, stomach!
Grumble
AND IT'S NOT GETTING ANY BETTER TOO...
GETTING ANGRY ON MY OWN... HOW UNSIGHTLY.


HUH? AYANO-SAN?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? ARE YOU FEELING UNWELL?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?
UHH, IF I RECALL CORRECTLY ...
AH, NO... I'M AL-RIGHT ...

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This was a fun chapter. RIP Yuu